

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Second Franklin Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.*

### **Residents of Second Franklin Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; 1.1% (1,258) of these admissions reside in the Second Franklin Representative District. 2% (19) of admissions from the Second Franklin Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Second Franklin Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 75% were male and 25% were female.
- 55% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 88% were white non-Latino, 5% were black non-Latino, 6% were Latino, and 1% were other racial categories.
- 61% were never married, 13% were married, and 26% reported not to be married now.
- 27% had less than high school education, 53% completed high school, and 20% had more than high school education.
- 29% were employed.
- 14% were homeless.
- 36% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a "primary drug" of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Second Franklin Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	65%	14%	10%	3%	4%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as 'polydrug' or 'polysubstance' use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's) are individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b> <b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003</b> <b>Second Franklin Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	1,703	1,541	429	252	271	164	127
<b>FY '96</b>	1,592	1,441	394	287	261	151	92
<b>FY '97</b>	1,562	1,407	385	259	227	152	68
<b>FY '98</b>	1,859	1,658	506	277	224	217	148
<b>FY '99</b>	1,809	1,551	514	276	215	190	107
<b>FY '00</b>	2,139	1,832	605	302	235	330	170
<b>FY '01</b>	1,826	1,572	464	218	204	248	151
<b>FY '02</b>	1,707	1,423	442	237	166	302	160
<b>FY '03</b>	1,258	1,017	322	199	179	223	163